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Applicant hereby request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, USPTO form 1449, submitted herewith.

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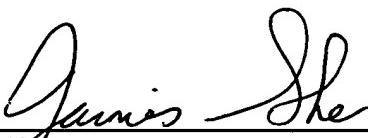
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